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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 06530-0253

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Richard MONTALVO et al.

Application No.: 09/988,125

Filed: November 19, 2001

For: ENDOSCOPIC SURGICAL  
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper and begin on page 9 of this paper.

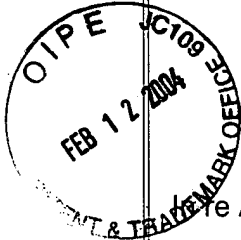
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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of November 21, 2003. The items checked below are appropriate:

☐ Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	36	-	20	16	x \$ 18	\$ 288.00
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Subtotal						\$ 288.00
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity						- 0.00
TOTAL						\$ 288.00

☒ A fee of \$288.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.

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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: February 12, 2004

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